

The case against atheism

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In a world that pursues acclaim by extreme measures, often all one needs to do to be radical is merely point to the obvious. Case in point: the most substantial case to be made against atheism is the case they have made against themselves.

Posted by one particular atheist organization, combinations of old and contemporary thought were wedded in a campy article entitled “I think therefore I am an atheist.” Aside from the usual lackluster muster of talk about biology and other such nonsense there was nothing new.

I say nonsense because high talk of such things in the mouth of all but accredited scientists reeks with pretention and I know of few creditable biologists who have made a lifelong discipline of proving the impossible: the non-existence of God. The title was perhaps the catchiest item of all.

Notwithstanding a lack of originality, it provides everything necessary to a case against atheism because, to begin with, only a fool says there is no God. I know because I speak from the personal experience of a onetime “free thinking” fool: a believer in “reason.” And while I still embrace reason, I have come to see the advantage of adding wisdom to its application.

But what’s in a title? Borrowing from René Descartes may not have helped the cause of atheism in light of the fact that he held hands with sincere Christian convictions until his death. There is enough debate on that one to at least find for guilt by association if not altogether outright.

Be that as it may: it goes without saying that the ability to think is typically a good indication of one’s existence. The item of interest is the declaration “I am” which has its roots in the name of God: I AM THAT I AM.

Whether incidentally at the intellectual level or deliberately from an instinctive, intuitive, heart level good ol’ René established what Christians have known since the beginning of time: in God we live, and move, and have our being. Either way the heart knows instinctively what the mind often denies.

What atheists apparently fail to appreciate is the fact that Christians were at one time exactly where they are now; in the dark. Christians have been on both sides of the nickel and that includes a significant pool of researchers and academicians in every field of scientific discipline who became Christians before, during, and after graduation from the halls of higher education.

You can hardly charge men of substantial educational background with a lack of that one attribute so highly prized by the atheistic community: intelligence. How do we account for the Christianity of men and women who gave up a belief in fairy tales and fables long before they left grade school?

We account for this with an appeal to another of those highly prized attributes: reason. And where is reason to be found in a system of belief that blindly bars conclusions prior to having

met God; the existence of whom is a foregone conclusion?

Men and women of reason and integrity have the intelligence to investigate the musings of the entire human existence with honesty that demands, to thy whole self be true. The heart cannot be fooled by the intrigues of the head, but it can be assassinated with copious applications of stubborn self-will and rebellion.

The heart can be assassinated with prejudice against such things as moral authority, parental authority, and spiritual authority which is basically all that atheism amounts to no matter how you slice it: willful rebellion against spiritual-moral authority.

And to where does free thinking reason without spiritual-moral safeguards lead if not to social chaos and anarchy? And to where do social chaos and anarchy lead if they do not lead to the imposition of State rule by force with the attending loss of all freedoms?

As we have seen all revolutions come full circle and humanity was rebelling against spiritual, moral, parental authority centuries before the contrivances of science were employed in an ill conceived attempt at lending creditability to an already muddled fracas with God. The only difference in the impending revolution is that God will intervene before humanity finally manages its own annihilation. Selah.

Ironically, while atheism remains bogged down in its material demand for spiritual proof of God, the modern rise of atheism has itself become one of many tangible proofs attesting to the accuracy of biblical prophecy.

The latest installment of “one nation indivisible” billboard signs one observes along the roadside en route to various destinations are exactly that: biblical signs of a world en route and approaching its destination with God.

Within the confines of imagination mere mortal men two millennia ago could have written anything they chose to write if they were indeed writing as mere mortal men. If they were about the business of conspiring to bamboozle society, however, it hardly seems likely they would have included references identifying them as ignorant and unlearned men.

And it hardly seems likely that a small association of mere mortals lacking divine inspiration would have correctly identified the onset of an atheistic movement in our society to abandon, betray, and make war on God, but they did and you know who you are.

If a physical appearance of God is required for some of the unbelieving masses to convert and the cumulative signs being posted along the roadside of history and society are any indication, atheists won't have long to wait for the proofs they seek.

Continuing endless debates in an effort to match carnal-natural wits with a portion of humanity locked in a spiritual stronghold of unbelief is superfluous and serves no good purpose.

The Bible clearly tells us that the things of God are foolish to those who are perishing while controlled by a natural mind because such things are spiritually discerned and it is foolish on the part of the average Christian to debate these issues while knowing that. Besides, only God can grant repentance and deliverance from a spiritual snare to those who oppose themselves.

In the final analysis the most substantial case against atheism is the one they have prepared against themselves and the only thing missing from an admission of guilt is the final witness: by thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

In conclusion, the emptiest moment in all of life has got to be one of those sudden moments of real need when instinct bypasses the head in a cry to God from the gut level of intuitive knowledge only to remember intellectually, “oh no, I don’t believe in God.”

Brother, that is your wake up call and I could not possibly be more thankful for a vital, living relationship with the God of all creation through Christ: Father, my heavenly Father. You just know when a thing feels right from brain to bone.